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SUBJECT: JAPAN OPPOSES BELARUS BID FOR HRC, UNCOMMITTED  
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Classified By: Acting Deputy Chief of Mission W. Michael Meserve for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) Embassy Political Officer delivered reftel demarche May 1 to MOFA Human Rights Division officer Noriko Tanaka. Tanaka said that Japan will not vote for any country with a bad human rights record, including Belarus. Japan cannot commit to supporting an undesignated third country, but will evaluate any new candidates based on their human rights record, she finished.

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